

EG's COMMENTS AT COMMENCEMENT

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I welcome all of you as we celebrate the joy of growth and change. Some of our students, faculty and parents are moving on. I would like to honor them. Then I would like to speak to you from my heart in the best way I know how.

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Brenda Galina

Now I would like to talk to you from the depth of my heart.

It does not cover statistics, finances, college admissions, or achievement scores. They have taken care of themselves and I would not be honest if I didn't say I am proud of those facts. The School is here to stay, and the future is secure.

One reason is the faculty. They are a competent, dedicated group of people. They spend hours wrestling with problems and believe they want to be a part of the real educational process. This means growth, change, firmness, understanding and caring. The future of the school is in their hands and it couldn't be in better hands.

The second thought I want to share is something I can't measure, but I can only feel; and at this moment it is a very deep feeling. For eight of you students this year and twelve of you last year, it has been a seven and eight year relationship with me. They have been the happiest, most difficult, most meaningful and the most growth-producing years of my life. There is no learning unless there is growth and change. Each of you in your own way has brought about change, growth and genuine pleasure in my life.

I don't know if I have made a difference in your life, but I do know that you have made a ~~diff~~ significant difference in my life. I will never be able to repay you for the gift you have given me, but I pledge to each student, faculty and parent you leave behind that I will try to give each of them what I have tried to give you. That gift is myself. I don't mean this in a sacrificing way - I want you to have the real me - my anger, my frustration and my love, - my commitment, my values and my caring. It is all I have. The closer we get to the real people we are, the more we will change and grow.

So, I say to each student, each faculty member, each parent who is leaving, and especially to Brenda Moss Galina God Bless You and God Speed.